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SUBJ: OFFER TO BID FOR MINTING OF NEW YAR COINS

1. U.S. BUREAU OF MINT RECENTLY RECEIVED OFFER FROM YAR CENTRAL BANK DIRECTOR ABDUL GHANI TO BID FOR DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF NEW SERIES OF YEMENI COINS. TENDER OFFER, WHICH DATED SEPT. 6 AND DID NOT ARRIVE AT MINT UNTIL SEPT. 28 STATED BIDS DUE OCT. 22 FOR PRODUCTION 56 MILLION COINS.

2. BESIDES UNMEETABLE BID DATE, BUREAU OF MINT STATES SPECIFICATIONS ARE MUCH TOO TIGHT, INCLUDING (A) TOLERANCE 16 TIMES MORE CRITICAL THAN THOSE USED IN U.S. COINS, (B) BID AND PERFORMANCE BONDS (WHICH NOT NORMALLY POSTED BY GOVERNMENT MINTS), (C) UNSUITABLE ALLOY COMBINATIONS, AND (D) UNREALISTIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY PROVISIONS OF MODELS AND SHIPMENT OF COINS 5 MONTHS AFTER CONTRACT AGREED UPON. ALSO OFFER CONTAINS REQUIREMENT THAT QUOTE THERE WILL BE NO ISRAELI MANUFACTURER AT ANY POINT OF PRODUCTION AND NO SHIPMENT FROM OR TRANSHIPMENT VIA ANY ISRAELI PORT UNQUOTE. WHILE MINT ASSUMES THAT LATTER
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WOULD BE CASE SHOULD IT PRODUCE COINS FOR YARG, IT OF

COURSE COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH A CONDITION IN WRITING.

3. DEPT AND U.S. MINT WOULD LIKE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO YARG TENDER. U.S. MINT VERY BUSY BUT WILLING SPECIFICATIONS ARE MODIFIED. REQUEST EMBASSY QUERY CENTRAL BANK WHETHER IT STILL INTERESTED IN US MINT PRODUCING NEW COIN SERIES. IF CENTRAL BANK RESPONSE POSITIVE, U.S. MINT WOULD THEN WRITE ABDUL GHANI CARE OF EMBASSY.

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